

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-35 have been canceled. New claims 36-64 have been added. Claims 36-64 are now pending in the application.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-5, 8-10, 12, 13, 17-19, 21, 24-26, 28 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Moncibais (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0103878).

Claims 6, 20, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moncibais in view of Ylonen (U.S. Patent No. 6,782,474).

Claims 7 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moncibais in view of O'Toole et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,345,294).

Claims 11, 15, 16, 27 and 31-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moncibais in view of Kruglikov et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0198900).

Claims 14 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moncibais in view of Traversat et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,161,125).

Claim 35 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moncibais in view of Kruglikov as applied to claims 33 and 34 above and further in view of Traversat.

Claims 1-35 have been canceled, thereby rendering these rejections moot. Thus, Applicants request that these rejections be withdrawn.

New Claims

New claims 36-64 have been added to claim the invention with the breadth and scope to which Applicants believe they are entitled. The new claims include independent method claim 36 and independent computer readable medium claim 48, which is analogous to method claim 36. Claim 37-47 depend from claim 36, and claims 49-64 depend from claim 48.

Independent Claim 36

Claim 36 recites:

A method implemented by a resource to configure itself to be part of a particular domain on a network, wherein the particular domain defines a set of resources that can be accessed on the network, and wherein access to the set of resources in the particular domain is controlled by a domain controller, the method comprising:

obtaining a set of configuration information, the set of configuration information comprising login information for an administrator account on the particular domain that has high level administrative privileges, the set of configuration information further comprising network information for enabling the resource to communicate on the network;

upon obtaining the set of configuration information, automatically performing the following without user intervention:

- configuring the resource in accordance with at least a portion of the network information;
- interacting with the domain controller, using the login information, to log in to the administrator account on the particular domain;
- causing, using the administrative privileges of the administrator account, the domain controller to register the resource with the particular domain such that the domain controller recognizes the resource as being part of the set of resources that are in the particular domain; and
- causing, using the administrative privileges of the administrator account, the domain controller to establish a user account on the particular domain to enable a user to log on to the particular domain using the user account and access at least a subset of the set of resources in the particular domain.

Claim 36 recites a number of limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by the applied references, whether taken individually or in combination. These limitations include but are not limited to: (1) obtaining a set of configuration information which comprises login information for an administrator account on a particular domain that has high level administrative privileges; (2) interacting with a domain controller, using the login information, to log in to the administrator account on the particular domain; (3) causing, using the administrative privileges of the administrator account, the domain controller to register the resource with the particular domain; and (4) causing, using the administrative privileges of the administrator account, the domain controller to establish a user account on the particular domain. Since these limitations are not disclosed or suggested by the applied references, taken individually or in combination, Applicants submit that claim 36 is patentable over the applied references.

Applicants further submit that claims 37-47, which depend from claim 36, and which recite further advantageous aspects of the invention, are likewise patentable over the applied references for at least the same reasons as those given above in connection with claim 36.

Claim 48 is a computer readable medium claim which is analogous to the method of claim 36. Applicants submit that claim 48 is patentable over the applied references for at least the same reasons as those given above in connection with claim 36.

Applicants further submit that claims 49-64, which depend from claim 48, and which recite further advantageous aspects of the invention, are likewise patentable over the applied references for at least the same reasons as those given above in connection with claim 48.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that pending claims 36-64 are patentable over the art of record, including the art cited but not applied. Accordingly, allowance of all pending claims is hereby respectfully solicited.

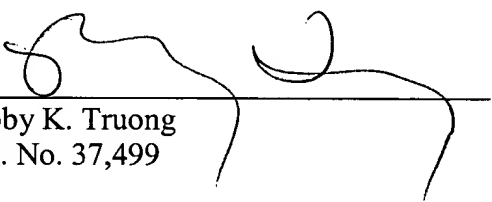
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 414-1234 to discuss any issue that may advance prosecution.

No fee is believed to be due specifically in connection with this Reply. To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee that may be due in connection with this Reply to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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